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Cc: Christine Joyce
Subject: Fwd: Sex Offender Public Forum

Can we add this as a late addition to the agenda? I think we would need a vote to decide if we wish to be listed as co-sponsors. It could go under consent, as it was something we unanimously encouraged to happen.

Lauren

Begin forwarded message:

From: Rmcgowan169@aol.com
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Subject: Sex Offender Public Forum

Hi Loren & Pam,

I was just getting reading to send out an announcement for the sex offender forum; and I realized that I never dealt with the issue of "co-sponsorship". My hope is that in addition to CAFY serving as the "sponsor" of the forum, a number of other community groups will be willing to serve as "co-sponsors" including: the Acton Board of Selectmen, the Acton Police Department, ABCHY, A-B PTSO, and A-B Regional School District.

This email is an inquiry related to whether or not the Board of Selectmen is willing to serve as a "co-sponsor". It would just mean that the Board expresses its support of the initiative. Since the forum is a response to a request from the Selectmen, I assume that there is a willingness to do this; but I don't know if you need a formal vote. I'd like to get the announcement out next week; so it would be great if I could get a quick response.

The forum is scheduled for Dec. 9th, at 7 p.m. at the Town Hall. Pam, you already know what the format is; but I don't think I shared it with you, Lauren. It will consist of a panel presentation, followed by open discussion with the audience. The panel will include the following:

- A representative of the Police Department (Detective Keith Campbell) to talk about the pros and cons of current laws/restrictions and what the experience, related to registered sex offenders, has been in Acton in recent years.
- One or two representatives from Community Voices (an advocacy group in Chelmsford that focuses on protecting children in the community from sexual predators) to talk about what parents can do to help protect the safety of their children from sexual predators.
- Lisa Huber, Director of Pupil Services in the A-B School District, to talk about what the schools are currently doing to help students in the grade schools, junior high and high school understand the risks involved and how to handle those risks related to sexual predators. (Steve Hitzrot,
- Representative Jen Benson to talk about what she has learned from her research and from a recent conversation that she has had with the Chairman of the Judiciary Committee

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related to possible ways to improve current laws and regulations to reducing the recidivism rates of sex offenders.

Our hope is to have the overview provided by the panel members completed within about 75 minutes; and then have about 45 minutes for interaction/discussion with the audience. Hopefully, the major outcome of the presentation and discussion will be to generate suggestions from the participants related to what our community can/should do to protect the safety of our children from sexual predators.

Sorry about the late request!

Thanks.

Bob

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